

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-17 are pending in the present application, with claims 1 and 11 being independent. Claims 16 and 17 have been added by this amendment, which do not add any new subject matter.

Interview Summary

Applicants' representative would like to thank the Examiner, Jacob Y. Choi, and the Examiner's supervisor, John Ward, for the interview that was conducted on July 19, 2005. During the interview, Applicants' representative discussed with the Examiner the objections to the drawings, the claim objections, and the claim rejections. The Examiner agreed that the objections to the drawings and claims would be withdrawn, and that the rejection of independent claim 11 would be withdrawn. The Examiner further agreed that on the basis of a minor amendment to independent claim 1, the rejection against claim 1 would also be withdrawn.

Drawings/Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to the drawings and the claims because of minor informalities. As noted above, and as discussed during the personal interview, the Examiner agreed that the objections to the drawings and the claims would be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §102/§103

The Examiner rejected: Claims 1-9 and 11-15 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by *Hasegawa et al.* (US Patent No. 5,093,764); and claim 10 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hasegawa et al.* This rejection is respectfully traversed insofar as it pertains to the presently pending claims.

As noted above, the Examiner agreed that the rejection against independent claim 1 and independent claim 11 would be withdrawn. In addition thereto, dependent claims 2-10 and 12-15 and new claims 16-17 should be considered allowable at least for depending from an allowable base claim.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, this application appears to be in condition for allowance and the Examiner is, therefore, requested to reexamine the application and pass the claims to issue.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Martin Geissler (Reg. 51,011) at telephone number (703) 205-8000, which is located in the Washington, DC area.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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